

we're doing that we need dollars for, child care, for welfare reform, you know for whatever else we need to do for children in need or families in need or people in general, is this something that is on our priority to do? And it's something I would like to do, but it's not as high on my list. I would rather us take the money and do what we have now on the books well and I'm thinking specifically of special education. How can we make that work if we continue to take away from our base? And I heard from the property tax hearings many diverse views, but one view continued to come through, you'd better not take away from that base any further. We need every dollar we can get. This is bad policy for now and that's why I'm not going to be supporting it. I wish I could, but I can't.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, one of my favorite writers was finally given a place of honor in what has been called the poet's corner and that was Oscar Wilde and he said, there's only one thing worse than being talked about and that is not being talked about. A person paraphrasing that said, there's only one thing worse than being taxed without representation and that is being taxed with representation. When you consider what is being done with this bill, it wouldn't be difficult for us to see that it's a mistake if we were discussing it in the abstract. I've got to take one more shot at my good friend Senator Dierks. He had a bill on insurance, mandatory automobile insurance. I saw some language in the bill that I thought was inappropriate because it would make a person guilty of a crime if he or she said that they were going to get insurance and they didn't keep that insurance in effect for an entire year. I'd given examples of how the person could lose his or her insurance but they would be guilty of a crime. And at the time Senator Dierks had said, well if some of those things happen, the person could go unlicense the car or whatever. But see I know Senator Dierks thinks about things and he came to me and mentioned that he had drafted an amendment to take care of that problem. So I know he can be reasonable. He can be reasonable if given time, but I don't have time today. So here's what I want to say about this whole thing of taxing. It has been a problem with Americans from the beginning. They were talking about England's attempt to tax the colonies. The argument boiled down to whether or not England could legally lay an internal tax on the colonies or only external taxes, meaning